

BE READY FOR THE UNEXPECTED

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- Learn the common causes of home fires and burns
- Involve the whole family and check for hot spots.
- Know how to correct fire and burn hazards quickly and safely.

INSIDE YOUR HOME

Kitchen

- Wear short or tight-fitting sleeves when cooking.
- Maintain a constant watch when preparing food.
- Use a low flame to guard against overheated grease and overflows.
- Always turn pot handles toward the center of the stove-Children may grab, or run into, the handle and spill hot cooking oil or hot water onto themselves.
- Keep your stove and oven clean. Wipe up spills promptly.
- Place towels, napkins and potholders away from the stove.
- Set your hot water heater to 120°F to prevent scalds.
- House hold cleaners and chemicals are out of reach of children.
- The poison control center number is posted by all telephones.

Bathroom

- Only GFCI outlets are used.
- Appliances are never used near water.
- Electrical appliances are stored unplugged, out of reach of children
- Showers and tubs have a slip-resistant rubber mats or decals.
- Wastebaskets are kept emptied.
- ALL MEDICINES ARE STORED IN ORIGINAL CONTAINERS AND OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.

Bedrooms

- Upper story windows have quick release guards to prevent fall, yet allow an exit.
- Smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors on every level of the home and near the bedrooms.
- Smoke alarms tested once a month
- Smoke alarms are clean and dust-free.

Outside Your Home

- Minimum 2" high letters preferably 4" high letters visible from the street
- Store flammable liquids such as gasoline, in tight, properly labeled fire-safe containers, away from heat sources and small children.
- Keep your distance from ignition sources (like open pilot lights on water heaters and stoves) when using flammables.
- Turn off your lawn mower and allow it to cool before adding gasoline.
- Clear away pine needles and leaves from the roof, eaves and rain gutters.
- Trim all tree limbs within 10 feet and remove all dead limbs hanging over the house or garage.
- When cooking outdoors, move open flame cooking appliances away from awnings and overhangs of the home. Also, keep children from hot grills.
- Store flammables and combustibles stored in small approved containers.
- Store flammables and combustibles in the garage or shed away from open flame appliances.
- Aerosol or butane containers are stored in a cool place out of the reach of children.

Household

- Ashes are cool or wetted before putting them in trash cans.
- Adults are told if cigarette lighters or matches are left lying around.
- Firearms are stored, unloaded out of sight in a locked, child proof cabinet.
- Ammunition is stored away from firearms in a locked, child-proof container.
- Home fire drills are held often, during the day and night.
- Know 2 ways out of every room.
- Safe meeting place once out of the house.
- If there is a fire crawl low below the smoke.
- Never go back inside for anything.
- Know how to stop, drop, and roll if your cloths catch on fire.

FOUR OF EVERY FIVE FIRE DEATHS ARE FROM HOME FIRES. SENIOR CITIZENS AND CHILDREN ARE AT HIGHTER RISK.

If you would like to schedule a free residential fire safety inspection, please email your request to philrobinson@cebridge.net or call 843-7671.